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*This small 8-side lantern (circa 1928) is one of many Halloween curiosities found in early-twentieth-century to mid-century novelty merchandise catalogs, and represents a market of international design and manufacturing. The Halloween Retrospect, in search of written records, reviews the THR archive library for clues as it timelines such products in the new Halloween Artifacts series. ☞*

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# SOURCES & ADDITIONAL READING

## A QUICK LIST OF SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Please note that **objects** within this book (unless noted from the collection of Charles Beck) are part of The Halloween Retrospect archive collection. The author has taken great pains to photograph and/or master such content to create an accurate representation of the antique or vintage collectible - and notes in a description when an image may not be evident of needful restoration.

As for **vintage sources** (inset images, timeline data points, etc.) that provide evidence for particular collectibles of the vintage market, it has been deemed rather pointless at this time to write a bibliographic entry for multiple entities that may occur on a single page of 100+ pages. The author believes data is obviously stated so readers may track down a source, for example, if an object lists a catalog or newspaper then that should be sufficient to repeat such a search and verify contents.

As for **modern sources** used frequently throughout the book, a few are listed below, but also see the book's Introduction for a worthwhile list of publications that concern vintage Halloween collectibles. Finally, a section of **Additional Reading** is supplied mostly as it regards research from The Halloween Retrospect.

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Newspapers.com. (2024). <https://www.newspapers.com/>.

Truwe, B. (2003). *The Halloween Catalog Collection: 55 Catalogs from the Golden Age of Halloween*.

## ADDITIONAL READING

*Locales for information you may find helpful per their evident use of primary sources:*

1) @dailydennison and @dennisonarchivist both on the Instagram social media platform

2) Blow Molded: a digital archive dedicated to preserving the magic of seasonal decor. <https://blow-molded.com>

*For an online interview with THR's archivist-librarian, offering additional insight into its projects, please see:*

Toy Tales (Friday, February 16th, 2024). "Collector Spotlight: Aaron Wiley, Halloween Ephemera."

<https://toytales.ca/aaron-wiley-halloween-ephemera/>

*For additional information about The Halloween Retrospect and its various research publications, please see:*

The Halloween Retrospect [Website]. 2024. *THR: Research Inspired from Disinterred Sources*. <https://halloweenretrospect.com/>

*For the initial example (originally 2018) of this author using a timeline to track vintage collectibles by market, please see:*

The Halloween Retrospect. (2023). *THR, VI: "Timeline for Witches: A Journey of Two Witches : United States & Germany."*

*For a reading list that examines the mysterious market history of German imported diecuts, please see:*

The Sane Halloween Observer [Blog entries as reading list]. 2015-2020: *Ornamenten Groteske*.

<https://vintage-halloween.blogspot.com/search/label/Ornamenten%20Groteske%20%28Reading%20List%29>.

*For more on Hallmark in a research series that occurred online rather than within THR publications, please see:*

*Hallmark Halloween: 1950's, Hallmark Halloween: 1960's, Hallmark Halloween: 1970's.*

The Halloween Retrospect [Blog entries]. 2024. <https://halloweenretrospect.com>





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